



SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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SALEM POLICE INVESTIGATE THURSDAY EVENING FATALITY

On Thursday, May 20, at approximately 10:40 p.m., the Salem Police Department responded to what was reported as a traffic accident in the 400 block of Bowman Avenue in the city. Upon arrival, police found a female subject, who had been struck by a pick-up truck in which she had previously been a passenger, lying beside the roadway. The pick-up truck and the driver of the vehicle were still on the scene.

The injured female was transported to Roanoke Memorial Hospital where she was pronounced dead shortly after 11 p.m. on Thursday evening. She is identified as Melissa Shannon Moore, 24, of the 700 Block of Front St. in Salem.

Subsequent investigation determined that the vehicle was traveling east on Bowman Ave. when Ms. Moore and the driver became involved in a verbal dispute. Ms. Moore exited the vehicle while the driver continued to operate the truck, which resulted in Ms. Moore being struck by the vehicle.

The driver has been charged with one count of Involuntary Manslaughter. He is identified as David Adam Matthews, 56, who resided with Moore in the 700 Block of Front Street. Matthews was taken to the Roanoke County/Salem Jail, where he is currently being held without bond.

The Investigation is continuing.

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